

cared for as the requirements of the case demand. Where the failure or break-down is serious or permanent the case is returned to England, and while deportation is, of course, only a last resource, there is every year a small number sent back who have either been guilty of serious offences or are suffering from ailments of a permanent character. By this means we keep our slate clean, and we leave no excuse or foundation for any charge or suggestion that we are adding to the public burdens of the Dominion, or "dumping" upon Canada "undesirables" or "incapables."



A Sick Benefit Fund. PASSING from the consideration of our "type" as eligible immigrants, we turn to the very practical and matter-of-fact question of its eligibility as life insurance risks, and we note with great satisfaction that the Barnardo Old Boys' Society is likely, in the near future, to inaugurate a sick benefit fund as one of its activities. Wisely keeping in mind the motto that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," the Executive has been disposed to "go slow" with this development; but the general idea has been warmly approved by the members of the Society as a whole, and a Committee, of which the Editor has the honour to act as Chairman, has been deputed to discuss the matter in detail, to collect information and to draw up a scheme. Our "risks," having regard to the general robust health, the youthfulness and character of the occupation of our lads, are so thoroughly good that, while we must not anticipate the findings of the Committee, we may say that they offer the possibility of a scheme under which, for a trifling monthly fee, the members can secure a substantial weekly payment in event of sickness or disability. The actual working of the scheme among a community so widely scattered and difficult of access must, naturally, encounter many obstacles, but we

have sufficient confidence in the energy and business enterprise of the members of the Society who have taken the matter in hand to feel sure of its being carried, in time, to a successful issue.



Our Christmas Excursion. IN accordance with time-honoured custom, we are once again this autumn arranging to

form an excursion party of those of our lads whose minds are irrevocably set on going over to spend Christmas in England. It is an annual task that we candidly confess we approach with no enthusiasm, and which, at best, we regard as a yielding to the inevitable. Sometimes it is all right, and there are cases in which for a lad to pay a visit to his mother in England before he settles down in life is an act of filial duty and a source of great happiness to both parties, but there are other cases among our excursionists in which the trip is a fruitless and foolish expenditure of time and money. When, perhaps, the Superintendent of one of the Provincial Homes writes us, "I don't know what could have brought So-and-So over; his only relation is a married sister, whose address he had incorrect, and was, in consequence, unable to find. He had no place to stay, so I have taken him in here till he can get a ship back," we feel that we have been aiding and abetting an act of unpardonable folly; but we must hope that our excursion parties this year will contain few respecting whom our conscience will have later on to upbraid us, and that all who join us will have a safe and pleasant passage and speedy return. The main body of our excursionists will sail from Montreal by the Allan Line *S.S. Tunisian* on November 14th, although, to meet the convenience of those who are unable to get away till later in the month, we may, if a sufficient number offers, make up another party to sail by the Dominion Line *S.S. Canada* on the 28th.